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News Release

MEXICAN MURDER SUSPECT DEPORTED BY ICE

Caught by Indiana police while using phony identification

SAN ANTONIO-- U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have expeditiously deported a Mexican fugitive who was caught by Goshen, Ind. police while using fraudulent identification documents.

Sergio Flores-Medina, who has been indicted by the Attorney General of Mexico for allegedly committing murder in Guadalajara, Mexico, was turned over to Mexico immigration authorities at the Gateway Bridge in Brownsville, Texas Dec. 21.

This marks the seventh recent instance where ICE has returned a fugitive to Mexico who was attempting to hide in the United States. Flores-Medina is the sixth person returned who was wanted for murder. The seventh fugitive was wanted in Mexico on charges of narcotics trafficking, extortion and organized crime.

Goshen police arrested Flores-Medina Oct. 29 and learned he was a fugitive and contacted ICE for assistance. ICE detention and removal officers took Flores-Medina into custody and determined that he had entered the United States illegally.

Flores-Medina was expeditiously deported because he requested a Stipulated Removal Order, which was approved by an immigration judge. Under such an order, an alien waives their right to an immigration hearing.

The U.S. Legal Attaché office in Guadalajara assisted with the arrangements and transfer of the custody between ICE and Mexico authorities.

"The arrest of Flores is the latest example of ICE's relentless campaign to locate, apprehend and remove criminal alien fugitives from this country," said ICE Field Office Director Marc Moore, who leads ICE's detention and deportation operations in the San Antonio region. "The apprehension is

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indicative to our continued, strong working relationship with Mexico authorities. Criminal fugitives from Mexico shouldn't expect to find any refuge in the United States."

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